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MISSION STATEMENT

"As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system."

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, February 23, 2006

Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies Comm.
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Jobs, Chief Darrell – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Assoc.
Prendergast, Lt. Ed – Law Enforcement Agencies
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hosp. Assoc. S.D./Imperial Co.

Guests Present

Bull, R.N., Pat – American Red Cross
Foehr, Rick – EMSTA, Inc.
Haworth, Mike – S.D. Fire Districts' Association
Pfohl, Chief Bob – Santee Fire

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Members Absent

Adams, Chief Gary – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association
Beeson, Travis – American Red Cross
Fisher, Roger – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association
Goldsmith, Donna – League of California Cities
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Schroeder, Dave – Fourth District

County Staff Present

Angelo, Carmel
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy

Vacant

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Emergency Physicians' Society
First District
Military Agencies
S.D. Co. Medical Society
Third District

I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelly Forman, R.N., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Dan Graham, to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2006 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

IV. EMS STAFF REPORT (Carmel Angelo, Interim EMS Director)

Ms. Angelo thanked committee members for their understanding through many changes within the EMS system in San Diego County this past year and informed members that County staff are quite aware of that, understand the concerns the agencies have had and encouraged every one to work together as a team as it is in the best interests of all the people served in San Diego County. With the addition of Bruce Haynes, M.D. to serve as Interim EMS Medical Director, EMS is moving forward with all the current planning and projects, including those surrounding the DEA licenses and the data collection. The thirty-five DEA licenses (30 EMS fire agencies and 5 additional sites) were all transferred over under Dr. Haynes on February 15, 2006 within an eight-hour period with many thanks going to the San Diego DEA office. New certificates will be mailed to the agencies within twenty days. The agencies have been advised to send the old DEA forms and certificates back to the DEA. Ms. Angelo added that if any agencies have any problems to let her know.

Discussion ensued on whether or not Power of Attorney forms are going to be needed in the future but the answer is unclear at this time.

Efforts to integrate the Bioterrorism program with EMS have been on-going. The new Medical Operations Center unit is open and operational.

The question arose about discussion of a workshop or retreat type of event from a recent EMCC meeting and whether or not that was going to occur and if it would include stakeholders. When brought up at the last meeting, Ms. Angelo responded that she didn't believe the EMCC was interested but that she is planning on doing a retreat with the Fire Chiefs' Association and encouraged EMCC to participate as well.

V. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Dr. Haynes introduced himself stating that he has been an emergency room physician and has been the EMS Director for Orange and Imperial Counties for the past thirteen years. Dr. Haynes has been involved in several large multi-centered studies and his philosophy includes trying to make work easier for the people delivering the services. He also stated he is evidence-based.

Approximately twenty years ago Dr. Haynes wrote an editorial on do not resuscitate orders in the field and then brought that process to California which has stood the test of time. He was also instrumental in placing a law in Sacramento that allowed lay defibrillation in California and making it less bureaucratic. Dr. Haynes was one of the key investigators in the Pediatric Airway Study and for the last five years has been working on cardiac systems in Orange County of which currently there are eleven centers with 250 cases which is working.

From the recent Base Station Physicians Committee/Prehospital Audit Committee meetings, Dr. Haynes complimented Dr. Vilke for his work on the Intraosseous Study and work will continue on that. Dr. Vilke also addressed the law enforcement use of tazers as a less lethal approach of dealing with certain individuals and that a protocol may be developed for care of these patients.

Protocol changes will likely be minimal this year. The Cardiology Advisory Committee (CAC) is continuing to meet and will meet again March 1, 2006. Nancy Bowen, M.D., Public Health Director, had a meeting of the Stroke Task Force Acute Care Committee this week and the overall Stroke Task Force will meet again on Friday, February 24, 2006.

Source Selection Committee Rep from EMCC (not on agenda)

Discussion ensued regarding EMCC representation on a Source Selection Committee for the trauma care funds distribution this year. Ms. Angelo stated that appointees could not be affiliated with any hospital and suggested two or three names be submitted to her. For the first time this year, the trauma care fund distribution is a competitive process. Proposals will be submitted from each trauma center hospital and that will be a determinant in how the money will be distributed. The hospitals then in turn will need to spend their allocation by June 3, 2006.

MOTION made by Bruce Fried, Seconded by Dan Graham to direct the Chair of EMCC to submit two to three names to the County EMS office on recommended participants for the Source Selection Committee pertaining to the distribution of trauma care funds. MOTION carried.

VI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2006 at 9:00 a.m., Health Services Complex, Executive Conference Room, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,
County EMS

